

**ORDINANCE # 329**  
**AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM**  
**PROGRAM AND ENFORCEMENT”**

Intent: The State of Connecticut authorizes municipalities to institute a municipal school bus violation enforcement system to enforce the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-279 of the general statutes. Pursuant to the general statutes, the Town of Vernon intends to enact a municipal school bus violation system traffic camera enforcement program.

Whereas, the prevalence of reckless and distracted driving threatens the health, welfare, and safety of pedestrians, including school children, within this community;

Whereas, increasing safety for school children entering and exiting school buses is of paramount importance to public safety;

Whereas, leveraging new technologies in a reasonable and equitable manner can support efforts to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety;

Whereas, any municipality, as defined in section 7-148 of the general statutes, may, by vote of its legislative body, adopt an ordinance to authorize the use of a municipal school bus violation enforcement system to enforce the provisions of subsection (a) of section 14-279 of the general statutes and impose monetary liability on vehicles that illegally pass a stopped school bus.

Now Therefore, Be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Vernon that, pursuant to the general laws and effective upon publication, the ordinance entitled “School Bus Stop Arm Program and Enforcement” is hereby enacted as follows:

**Established.**

Pursuant to General Statutes §14–279(a), as amended by 2024 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 24- 107, the Town of Vernon hereby authorizes the use of a municipal school bus violation enforcement system, which shall include one or more camera sensors and computers that produce: (1) digital and recorded video images of motor vehicles being operated in violation of this ordinance, (2) a visual image that is viewable remotely and a recorded image of the number plate of a motor vehicle violating this ordinance, and (3) a recorded image that indicates the date, time and location of the violation.

**Violation.**

The owner of a motor vehicle commits a violation of this ordinance if the person operating such motor vehicle violates the provisions of General Statutes §14–279(a), as amended by 2024 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 24-107, unless an affidavit is filed pursuant to Sec. 4, subsection (j) of said Public Act.

**Procedure.**

The procedures set forth in 2024 Conn. Legis. Serv. P.A. 24-107, Sec. 4, and General Statutes §7-152c are hereby adopted.

**Fine.**

A violation of this ordinance shall result in a fine in the amount of two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.

**Collection.**

The Town of Vernon or its designated agent shall have the authority to collect such fines, with proceeds credited to the Town of Vernon.

**Use of Funds.**

Funds received by the Town of Vernon from such fines shall be used for the purposes of improving public safety in the Town of Vernon, compensating any private vendor that installs, operates or maintains a municipal school bus violation enforcement system, or both.

**Hearing Officer(s)**

The Mayor shall appoint one or more hearing officers to hear any appeals.

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